**COACHES INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Alternate members of a relay team that participate in the tournament will be reimbursed for the cost of the alternate member’s admission. Please note that all tickets will be $10.00 for all admissions on each day of the tournament.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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<td><strong>ADMITTANCE PROCEDURES</strong></td>
<td>Contestants and coaches must have an Admittance Pass for entrance to the stadium each day. Anyone leaving the stadium for the discus and shot-put events outside the stadium will be stamped for re-admittance to the stadium. You may get stamped at ANY entrance gate.</td>
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<td><strong>SATURDAY FINALS</strong></td>
<td>Coaches will be required to obtain Admittance Passes for their Saturday final session adittance. These passes may be obtained beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the school admissions area located on the southeast side of the stadium. These passes are also available for coaches and contestants no longer qualified for competition.</td>
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| **PARKING** | For state qualifying participant drop-off, buses and school transportation vehicles will be allowed to drop-off athletes along Irving Schottenstein Drive. Please access this road from Olentangy River Road.  
- **Buses** – will be permitted to remain parked along Irving Schottenstein Drive. Overflow parking will be along Jack Nicklaus Drive. Please follow the directions provided by the traffic & parking attendants.  
- **Other School Transportation Vehicles** – will be permitted to drop off along Irving Schottenstein Drive and directed to park in the gray lots, south of Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium |
| **CONTESTANT PROCEDURES** | The complete track and field uniform consists of: shoes, school-issued tops, bottoms or a one piece uniform. Note: All members of relays who choose to wear visible shirts or undergarments are reminded that undergarments are considered to be foundation garments and, thus, are not subject to logo/trademark/reference or color restrictions. Undergarments may NOT represent alcohol, tobacco or racial overtones. The referee shall have the authority to ask the athlete to remove the garment under penalty of disqualification from the meet. Hats and caps are prohibited. Each uniform top must include the school assigned number permanently attached and visible on the back. Any number changes must be completed on the “Number Change Form” and submitted a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the event. The completed form is to be presented to the Clerk of Course in the reporting area or to the Head Event Judge in the case of Field Events. Temporary, pinned-on numbers are illegal. **REMEMBER:** The prohibition of wearing jewelry has been removed from the rules. However, the referee may ask a competitor to remove an accessory if it is not properly secured, if it poses a danger to the competitor or if it could damage equipment. Competitors will be asked to remove inappropriate, vulgar or disrespectful accessories. |
| **Verification of Sporting Conduct And Legal Equipment & Uniforms** | Please complete a “Coach’s Verification Form” at the check-in booth prior to receiving your packet certifying that your athletes are all legally attired and equipped and will conduct themselves appropriately in keeping with the ideals of sporting conduct and ethical behavior during these tournaments.  
Please sign this form. When it is returned, you will be provided your admission packet. **REMEMBER:** Each competitor is limited to participating in four events during this two-day state tournament.  

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| **Reporting Procedures** | Report to the Clerk of the Course 10 minutes before the event is scheduled. The Reporting Area is located at the NORTH END of the track on the EAST side. Field event contestants are to report to the field event judge 20 minutes before the event is scheduled. **Weighing and gauging for the shot put and discus events shall begin one hour prior to the scheduled start time for the event.** Contests shall report to the competition areas, which are outside the stadium to the west. |
| **Shoes and Spikes** | Maximum spike length is gauged to 1/4.". No event will be delayed for a contestant to obtain proper equipment. **In the Shot Put and Discus, only flat-soled shoes will be permitted.** |
**Starting Blocks**

Starting blocks will be provided with the exception of the Moye blocks. Contestants wishing to use Moye style blocks may provide their own Moye blocks. **No other starting blocks will be permitted other than those supplied by meet management.**

**Fully Automatic Timing and Printouts**

Printouts of the finish will be available for viewing by a coach only upon request and only at the conclusion of each semifinal division on Friday. If, during the tournament, you believe that an athlete was incorrectly placed, contact Dale Gabor, Games Committee Chairperson, to request a review. **DO SO IMMEDIATELY.**

**Relay Check-In Form**

a) Relay Check-In Cards provided by the OHSAA shall be used.

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The names and numbers of 4-to-6 athletes must be clearly printed on the form and must include the number, first and last name and grade in school of each athlete.

b) The Relay Team (4, 5 or 6 individuals) officially becomes an entry when the Relay Check-In Form is handed to the Clerk for the Semifinal or Final Relay, whichever is first.

c) Once the Relay Team is officially entered, there may be no additions or changes to the form.

d) The Relay Check-In Form of qualifying teams for the Finals shall be provided to the Clerk, who will check in individually the four who will compete in the Finals.

**Batons**

Batons will be provided. No other batons may be used. **Batons must be returned after completion of the relays in the semifinals.** However, the teams may keep the batons after the finals on Saturday.

**Relay Markers**

Cut tennis balls will be provided as relay markers. No other markers are permitted.

**Qualifying Relay Teams**

All relay teams will be timed in the semifinal heats. The top two (2) teams in each heat and the next five (5) best times will advance to the finals. In case of a tie, Rule 5-8-4 will apply. Timing to one-thousandth of a second shall be used.

**AWARDS**

The first eight place winners in each event will receive awards. The presentation of awards will be made on Friday or Saturday following the finals of the event. Photographs will be taken following the awards presentation. **It is imperative that the coach sends the place winner to the awards stand area after the event is completed.** However, athletes are never held in the awards area if they must leave to report to another event. Awards area personnel are very experienced in this process, and all attempts will be made to fully accommodate the athletes. If awards are not obtained at the assigned time, they will be available later at the awards area - located in the infield of the stadium.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES**

First aid stations for spectators are available under the stadium on the west side. A volunteer tournament physician and Licensed Athletic Trainers who are employees of The Ohio State University will be available near all venues. They are identified with OSU shirts and available to assist athletes. If your athlete becomes injured or ill, please contact an athletic trainer or the physician who will be stationed in the infield of the track near the finish line. Please do not report to the spectator first aid station without consulting with tournament medical personnel.

**APPEALS PROCEDURE**

If a coach believes a rule has been misapplied or misinterpreted, an appeal may be filed with the Referee. Such appeal must be in writing. **Forms for an appeal may be obtained at the awards tent located on the infield.** APPEALS ON JUDGEMENT DECISIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED. The Referee will consider all written appeals. The decision of the Referee will be final. **PLEASE BRING THE APPEAL FORM BACK TO THE Awards tent AND THE REFEREE WILL BE SUMMONED.**

**FINISH LINE**

There is one finish line for all track events: It is located at the south end of the west straight side.
SPECIFIC EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

RELAY – 4x800 METERS
EVENT 1 – girls
2 – boys

USE WHITE RELAY CHECK-IN CARD

REPORT TO THE CLERK at the north end of the track, east side. The lead-off runner of each team must have a Relay Check-In Card (GREEN) to give to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name on the relay card and sign as required. The start will be staggered for two turns and run in lanes around the first two curves of the track. Runners may break for the pole after passing the cut-balls at the northwest end of the straight on the first (1) leg; to stay in the lane after handing the baton, and not to run on the line to the left. The race will start at the WHITE line. NO SEMI-FINALS - FINAL ONLY

33" HURDLES – 100 METERS
EVENT 3 – girls

39" HURDLES – 110 METERS
EVENT 4 – boys

DASH – 100 METERS
EVENT 5 – girls

RELAY – 4x200 METERS
EVENT 7 – girls
EVENT 8 – boys

RUN – 1600 METERS
EVENT 9 – girls
10 – boys

RELAY – 4x100 METERS
EVENT 11 – girls
12 – boys

USE PINK RELAY CHECK-IN CARD

REPORT TO THE CLERK at the north end of the track, east side. The lead-off runner of each team must have a Relay Check-In Card (PINK) to give to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name on the relay card and sign as required. The start will be staggered for two turns and each team will run in the assigned lane the entire distance of the race. Runners are cautioned to run in the assigned lane for the entire leg; to stay in the lane after handing the baton, and not to run on the line to the left. The race will start on the WHITE lines on the track. The exchange between the first and second runners will be on the south end, east side of the track between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The exchange for the second and third runners will be on the north end, east side of the track between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The top two (2) teams in each semi-final heat along with the next five (5) best times will qualify for the finals. Rule 5-5-6 applies if there is a tie for. NO ATHLETIC TAPE IS PERMITTED TO BE USED ON THE TRACK FOR MARKING PURPOSES.

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DASH – 400 METERS
EVENT 13 – girls
14 – boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the
WHITE lines. The start will be staggered for two turns and runners will run the entire race in
the assigned lanes. Runners are cautioned to run in the assigned lane and not to run on the line to the left.
The top two (2) in each semifinal heat along with the next five (5) best times will qualify for the finals.

30” HURDLES – 300 METERS
EVENT 15 – girls

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the south end, east side
of the track at the WHITE lines. The top two (2) in each semifinal heat along with the next five (5) best times
will qualify for the finals. Hurdles on BLACK marks - 30” High, weights on 30” slot.

36” HURDLES – 300 METERS
EVENT 16 – boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the
south end, east side of the track at the WHITE lines. The top two (2) finishers in each semifinal heat along
with the next five (5) best times will qualify for the finals. Hurdles on BLACK marks - 36” High, weights on 36” slot.

RUN – 800 METERS
EVENT 17 – girls
18 – boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. This race will be staggered for two turns and
run in lanes around the first two turns. Runners may break to the pole when they have one full running
stride advantage and have passed the cut-balls at the north end, west side of the track. Start on the WHITE
line.

DASH – 200 METERS
EVENT 19 – girls
20 – boys

Report to the Clerk at north end, east side of the running track. This race will be run around the north
curve. It will start on the WHITE lines at the north end, east side of the track. Runners must stay in the
assigned lane the entire distance of the race. They must not run on the line to the left. The top two (2)
finishers in each semifinal heat along with the next five (5) best times will qualify for the finals.

RUN – 3200 METERS
EVENT 21 – girls
22 – boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The start will be staggered for one turn and
runners must run within the assigned lane for one full curve. The runners may break for the pole after they
have one full running stride advantage and have passed the cut-balls Start, GREEN lines.

RELAY – 4x400 METERS
EVENT 23 – girls
24 – boys

USE GREEN RELAY CHECK-IN CARD

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The leadoff runner of each team must
present a Relay Check-In Card (WHITE) to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in
school of each team member and school name and sign as indicated. The race will start at the BLUE
line. The start will be staggered for three turns and the first runner for each team must run in the lane
assigned. The number two runner must run in the assigned lane for the first turn and may break for the
pole after crossing the WHITE break line at the start of the back straight away (southeast side). The last two
legs will not be run in lanes, and the California style exchange will be used for the second and third
exchange. The assigned umpires will give instructions regarding the exchanges including entry onto and
leaving the track. The exchange zone is located on the west side of the track, BLUE to BLUE. The top two
(2) teams in each semifinal heat along with the next five (5) best times will qualify for the finals. Rule 5-5-6
applies if there is a tie for the 8th qualifying place.

DISCUS THROW
EVENT 25 – girls
26 – boys

Report to the discus judge at the discus pad located outside northwest side of the stadium. Discus
implements must be supplied by the individual or be school-issued and will be weighed in at the site
beginning one hour prior to the event. Once the implement is weighed and verified as legal, it may not be
removed from the competition area until the conclusion of competition. Note: legal implements do not
necessarily become “common implements.” Permission to use an implement must be obtained from its
owner. The throwing sector shall be 34.92°.

HIGH JUMP
EVENT 27 – girls
28 – boys

Report to the head high jump judge at the high jump pit north end of the stadium in field. Only 1/4” or less
gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. Use vinyl tape only for marking starting and
checkpoints. It is recommended that competitors wear shoes with heel spikes.

LONG JUMP
EVENT 29 – girls
30 – boys

Report to the head long jump judge at the long jump pit on the east side of the track. Only 1/4” or less
gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. As per NFHS Rule, a maximum of two
colored blocks for marking starting and checkpoints off the runway will be provided. ATHLETIC TAPE IS
NOT PERMITTED ON THE RUNWAY FOR MARKING PURPOSES. Long jump coaches will have a
designated space on track level and the deck area adjacent to the pit. Please wear and display your coaches
pass for access to these areas.
SHOT PUT  
EVENT 31 – girls  
32 – boys  

Report to the head shot put judge at the pad located outside the stadium after having the implement weighed at the tent located near both the shot put and discus areas. Weigh-ins begin one hour prior to the event. Note: legal implements do not necessarily become “common implements.” Permission to use an implement must be obtained from its owner. Shot implements must be supplied by the individual or be school-issued and will be weighed in at the site. Once the implement is weighed and verified as legal, it may not be removed from the competition area until the conclusion of competition. **The throwing sector shall be 34.92°**

POLE VAULT  
EVENT 33 – girls  
34 – boys  

Report to the pole vault judge who will be in charge of equipment check-in at the vaulting pit south end of the stadium infield at least one hour before competition is scheduled. Only 1/4” or less gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. Colored blocks for marking starting and checkpoints off the runway will be provided. Coaches are required to submit the card verifying each vaulter's weight and the pole rating of each pole to be used for warm-ups and competition that is in the school packet. **NO ATHLETIC TAPE MAY BE USED ON THE RUNWAY FOR MARKING PURPOSES.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Coaches, managers and other school personnel are **not permitted at track level** once competition begins for the long jump, pole vault and high jump. All individuals connected with a competitor must be positioned in the stadium seats or in the designated coaches’ areas.

2. **For coaches of high jump and pole vault** – There is a designated area at each event, trackside, where you may sit. In order to sit in this area you must wear the “coach pass” suspended around your neck. **One “coach pass” is provided per competing school and is not valid for admission to the stadium. (If a school has more than one competitor, only one “coach pass” is provided.)** The pass is valid only during the time your competitor is competing, and this is designated on the pass. You are not permitted anywhere else at track level once track and field competition begins except to move to or from the stadium seats.

3. In the **shot and discus**, coaches and other school personnel must be seated in the bleachers or behind the barriers. These restrictions also apply to spectators. **In addition, the shot put and discus areas shall be closed to all competitors prior to the beginning of competition each day (i.e., Prior to the arrival of officials and support personnel who will declare the areas open for warm-ups) and after the conclusion of competition for the day (i.e., All sessions have concluded and officials have left the areas).**

4. **No contestant may warm up or lounge on the infield grass.** The location of the athletes’ “camp area” is in the grassy knoll north of the Bill Davis Baseball Stadium. Those warming up on the track shall run in a counterclockwise direction only.

5. **Use of alcohol, tobacco (including ‘vaping’ or e-cigarettes) and illegal drugs in any form is prohibited at all times.**

6. Umpires will provide materials for relay team members to **mark checkpoints.**

7. **No chalk or athletic tape is permitted as a marking device.**

8. By games committee adoption the following rules apply:
   a. All competitors in track events who are wearing a two-piece uniform shall compete with their tops tucked into their uniform bottoms to facilitate the reading of hip numbers.
   b. The following areas of competition are so designated as areas where competitors may not remove any portion of the team uniform, except shoes.
      - All areas proximate to field events
      - The track infield area
      - The track itself and all areas within the confines of the track

9. **Electronic devices and video reproduction** – Electronic devices may be used in unrestricted areas and the coaching boxes, providing the location does not interfere with the progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee. Coaching boxes and unrestricted areas will be identified by the meet referee, and this information will be given to coaches prior to the start of the event. Electronic devices shall not be used to transmit information to the competitor during the race or trial. A trial begins when an athlete is officially called “up”, at which time use of electronic devices must cease. Unauthorized use of electronic or video devices will result in disqualification of the competitor from the event and disqualification of team personnel from the meet for unsportsmanlike conduct. Electronic devices such as cell phones and radios must be turned off and placed in a mode that will not distract another competitor or interfere with the competition.

10. **Lost and Found** – Report to the Track Management building at the Northeast end of the track.
SEATED COMPETITION

Saturday
General Instructions

ADMITTANCE PROCEDURES
Contestants and Coaches must have an Admittance Pass for entrance to the stadium. Passes must be presented any time a competitor or coach leaves the facility and returns.

PARKING
There will be a limited number of parking spaces reserved specifically for seated racers and their coaches on the south side of the stadium. Seated racers should be directed to enter campus from the Ackerman Road entrance and park in the lots to the south of Jesse Owens Stadium. On Saturday, there are high school graduations at the Value City Arena on Lane Avenue. It is advisable to avoid entering the area via Lane Avenue.

CONTESTANT PROCEDURES
* There will be boys and girls Seated Division events scheduled. Meet management reserves the right to combine genders into one race if the number of entries is not adequate to fill the heat and/or the number of lanes on the track can accommodate the combined number of athletes entered. In a combined race, male and female athletes’ times will be separated at the conclusion of the race and champions and placers will be recognized in separate awards ceremonies. In the Shot Put, meet organizers may include athletes in a flight with able-bodied athletes, but athletes will be placed and recognized for awards separately. If there are more than nine (9) seated qualifiers in a specific gender in a specific event, semifinal competition will take place on the first day with the top two (2) in each heat and the remaining five (5) fastest times advancing to Saturday’s finals. In the 100 meters, 400 meters and 800 meters, seated athletes will compete in separate races from the footed athletes. These events are non-scoring toward the team championship awards.

Assigned Numbers and Uniforms
The Seated Division athletes must meet all OHSAA and NFHS uniform regulations, however, NFHS rule 4-4-4 states “Modification of the competitor’s equipment or uniform (due to medical or religious reasons), pending approval, shall require a letter of authorization from the state association and shall be made available to the meet referee prior to the beginning of competition.

Equipment
Please pick up a “Coaches’ Verification Form” at the check in booth prior to receiving your packet certifying that your athletes are in legal attire and that all equipment (track chair, wheels, helmets, and gloves) is legal. The ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of all equipment rests with the athlete, while the coach is ultimately responsible for assuring that all equipment is legal.

Reporting Procedures
Report to the Clerk of the Course a minimum of 10 minutes before the event is scheduled. The reporting area is located at the SOUTH END of the track on the East side. Field event contestants should report directly to the field judge 20 minutes before the event is scheduled. Weighing and gauging for the shot put shall begin 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time for the event. Competitors in the shot put should report to a staging area at the Northwest corner of the stadium where they will be shuttled down to the throws area.

Awards
Top eight placers in each event will be recognized (or less, depending on participation).

Medical Facilities
If an athlete becomes injured or ill, his/her coach should contact an athletic trainer or physician who will be stationed inside the track. Please do not report to the spectator first aid station without consulting with tournament medical personnel.

Restroom Facilities
Restroom facilities for seated competitors are available near the entrance to the stadium by the South parking lot. In addition, all bathroom facilities inside the stadium are wheelchair accessible.

Schedule
Friday, May 31
Shot Put – (B) – 10:30 a.m., following boys footed shot put
Shot Put – (G) – 2:00 p.m., following girls footed shot put

All shot put contestants should report directly to the shot put area and not the tent in the stadium
a) There is a designated drop-off area at the throwing venue gate. Drivers will be directed to a parking Area after drop-off;
b) Athletes will not be permitted to have a coach/parent in the shot put ring;
c) With the throwing chairs properly secured, there is no need to have someone in the ring with the thrower.

**Friday, May 31 (Semifinals)**
800 Meter – (G/B) 12:20 p.m., following the boys 4 x 400 meter relay (if necessary)
400 Meter – (G/B) 3:15 p.m., following the boys footed 400 (if necessary)
100 Meter – (G/B) 5:45 p.m., following the boys footed 100 (if necessary)

**Saturday, June 1**
800 meter – (G/B) 11:10 a.m., following boys footed 800
400 meter – (G/B) 2:10 p.m., following boys footed 400
100 meter – (G/B) 4:45 p.m., following boys footed 100

Park in the handicapped parking area and enter Jesse Owens Stadium through the Pass Gate in the Southeast corner of the stadium.

a) Report to the track side tent. Wrist bands will be issued to a maximum of two coach/family members.
b) Only athletes and coaches/parents with wristbands will be allowed track side and in the tent.
c) All seated athletes should plan to use the general warmup times before or between divisions on Saturday to adjust their racing chairs according to lane assignments. No chairs are permitted on the track during the meet, other than for their event.